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GAS DEPOSITS IN NORTH EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total estimated potential of gas deposits in the North-Eastern States, State-wise;

(b) the amount of potential tapped so far;

(c) whether any new deposits have been found in the region;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the plans drawn to tap the full resources in the region?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a) The estimated gas-in-place reserves in the North Eastern States, State-wise, as on 1.4.2000, are given below:

State	National Oil Companies (NOCs) (BCM)	Private/Joint Venture Companies(JV)(BCM)
Assam	318.48	-
Arunachal Pradesh	4.90	0.77
Nagaland	2.68	-
Tripura	41.28	-

BCM : Billion Cubic Metres

(b) While the cumulative gas production by NOCs, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.(ONGC) and Oil India Ltd. (OIL), from the fields in North-Eastern states as on 1.4.2000 is 61.63 BCM,JV/Private Companies have produced 0.048 BCM of gas from their fields in the region.

(c) & (d) As a result of the exploratory efforts, number of discoveries have been made by the NOCs, during the IX Plan period, in the states of Assam and Tripura. This has led to an accretion of gas(free)-in-place of 3.983 BCM by ONGC and about 6.1 BCM of gas-in-place by OIL in their operational areas in Tripura and Assam, respectively.

(e): As per the Long Term Gas Productionprofile, ONGC`s gas production during the terminal year of IX Plan, i.e., 2001-02js expected to be around 1.608 Million Standard Cubic Metre per day(MMSCMD) in Assam and 1.075MMSCMD in Tripura. OIL envisages gas production of around 4.46 MMSCMD and 0.06 MMSCMD from the states of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, respectively, during this year.